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PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF N-

(PHOSPHONOMETHYL) GLYCINE BY OXIDIZING N-

SUBSTITUTED N-(PHOSPHONOMETHYL)GLYCINE

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AMENDMENT B

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the Office action dated May 31, 2002, the time for response to which is extended one month to September 30, 2002 under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please enter the following amendments and remarks:

In the Claims:

Please replace claim 79 with the following:

79. (twice amended) A process for the preparation of an N-substituted monoethanolamine, the process comprising reacting a ketone, monoethanolamine, and $\rm H_2$ in the presence of a catalyst and essentially in the absence of any non-reactive solvent, said catalyst comprising a metal selected from the group consisting of platinum and palladium,

wherein the N-substituted monoethanolamine has formula (XI):

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